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Information Disclosure Statement	2 pages
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One cited reference	6 pages

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**PATENT**

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Application No.: 10/826,531

Examiner: BLAIR, KILE O.

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The references listed in the attached PTO Form 1449, a copy of which is attached, may be material to examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicants submit these references in compliance with their duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §§1.56 and 1.97. The Examiner is requested to make these citations of official record in this application.

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